

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, read as follows:

1. to 19. (Canceled).

20. (Currently Amended) A user apparatus that communicates with a print management apparatus via a network, comprising:

notifying means for notifying said print management apparatus of a use condition which is set according to an operation of a user, the use condition including information for designating an area where a print shop having a print apparatus is located;

print shop information obtaining means for obtaining, in advance, print shop information for a plurality of print shops each satisfying the notified use condition, from said print management apparatus as candidates of print shops to be designated by respective print orders of a plurality of print data different from each other;

print data forming means for forming single print data by using a printer driver installed in said user apparatus, in accordance with a print condition which is set according to the operation of the user, the print condition being different from the use condition and not including the information for designating the area where the print shop having the print apparatus is located;

judgment means for analyzing the single print data formed by said print data forming means, and automatically judging whether each of the plurality of print shops included in the print shop information obtained in advance by said print shop information

obtaining means can print ~~the~~ said single print data ~~formed by said print data forming means~~, on the basis of the print condition of the single print data and a print ability of each of the plurality of print shops;

selection means for selecting, in accordance with a user operation, a print shop to order print processing of ~~the formed~~ said single print data ~~formed by said print data forming means~~, from among the print shops judged by said judgment means as the print shops which can print the formed print data; and

print order forming means for forming a print order, including the designation of the selected print shop.

21. to 23. (Canceled)

24. (Currently Amended) An information processing system for processing information between a user apparatus and a print management apparatus through communication via a network,

wherein said print management apparatus comprises:

print shop information searching means for searching for information of a plurality of print shops; and

print shop information transmitting means for transmitting the print shop information searched by the print shop information searching means to said user apparatus, and

wherein said user apparatus comprises:

notifying means for notifying said print management apparatus of a use condition which is set according to an operation of a user, the use condition including information for designating an area where a print shop having a print apparatus is located;

print shop information obtaining means for receiving, from the print shop information transmitting means, print shop information for the plurality of print shops searched by the print shop searching means each satisfying the notified use condition, as candidates of print shops to be designated by respective print orders of a plurality of print data different from each other;

print data forming means for ~~setting a print condition~~ forming single print data by using a printer driver installed in said user apparatus, in accordance with a print condition which is set according to an operation of the user, the print condition being different from the use condition and not including the information for designating the area where the print shop having the print apparatus is located;

judgment means for analyzing the single print data formed by said print data forming means, and automatically judging whether each of the plurality of print shops included in the received print shop information[[,]] can print the said single print data ~~formed by said print data forming means~~, on the basis of the print condition of the single print data and a print ability of each of the plurality of print shops;

selection means for selecting, in accordance with a user operation, a print shop to order print processing of the ~~formed~~ said single print data ~~formed by said print data forming means~~, from among the print shops judged by said judgment means as the print shops which can print the formed print data; and

a print order forming means for forming a print order, including the designation of a the selected print shop.

25. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium on which is stored a computer-executable program for causing a user apparatus that communicates with a print management apparatus via a network to execute a print control process, said print control process comprising:

a notifying step of notifying said print management apparatus of a use condition which is set according to an operation of a user, the use condition including information for designating an area where a print shop having a print apparatus is located;

a print shop information obtaining step of the user apparatus obtaining, in advance, print shop information for a plurality of print shops each satisfying the notified use condition, from said print management apparatus as candidates of print shops to be designated by respective print orders of a plurality of print data different from each other;

a print data forming step of the user apparatus forming single print data by using a printer driver installed in said user apparatus, in accordance with a print condition which is set according to an operation of the user, the print condition being different from the use condition and not including the information for designating the area where the print shop having the print apparatus is located;

a judgment step of analyzing the single print data formed in said print data forming step, and automatically judging whether each of the plurality of print shops included in the print shop information obtained in advance in said print shop information obtaining step can print the said single print data formed in said print data forming step, on

the basis of the print condition of the single print data and a print ability of each of the plurality of print shops;

a selection step of the user apparatus selecting, in accordance with a user operation, a print shop to order print processing of the formed said single print data formed in said print data forming step, from among the print shops judged in said judging step as the print shops which can print the formed print data; and

a print order forming step of the user apparatus forming a print order, including the designation of the selected print shop.

26. (Canceled)

27. (Currently Amended) A computer-executable control method executed by a user apparatus that communicates with a print management apparatus via a network, comprising:

a notifying step of notifying said print management apparatus of a use condition which is set according to an operation of a user, the use condition including information for designating an area where a print shop having a print apparatus is located;

a print shop information obtaining step of the user apparatus obtaining, in advance, print shop information for a plurality of print shops each satisfying the notified use condition, from said print management apparatus as candidates of print shops to be designated by respective print orders of a plurality of print data different from each other;

a print data forming step of the user apparatus forming single print data by using a printer driver installed in said user apparatus, in accordance with a print condition

which is set according to an operation of the user, the print condition being different from the use condition and not including the information for designating the area where the print shop having the print apparatus is located;

a judgment step of analyzing the single print data formed in said print data forming step, and automatically judging whether each of the plurality of print shops indicated by the print shop information obtained in advance in said shop information obtaining step can print the said single print data formed in said print data forming step, on the basis of the print condition of the single print data and a print ability of each of the plurality of print shops;

a selection step of the user apparatus selecting, in accordance with a user operation, a print shop to order print processing of ~~the formed~~ said single print data formed by said print data forming step, from among the print shops judged in said judgment step as the print shops which can print ~~the formed~~ said single print data; and

a print order forming step of the user apparatus forming a print order, including the designation of a selected print shop.

28. (Canceled)

29. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 20, wherein each of the use condition and the print ability includes at least one of a page size, a media type, a page layout and a finishing option.

30. (Canceled)